

# Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Sir: My girl friend's brother claims Eydie Gorme and Steve Lawrence are not as happily married as they appear to be on TV. I can't believe it. Tell us the real truth! — Susan Governor, Needham, Mass.

Dear Susan: The Lawrences tell me in tandem that if they were any happier it would bust out of that Gawk Box all over your viewing room floor. And to tell your girl friend's brother they're not sorry about bursting his bubble.

Dear Bum: Quit trying to bust up The Beatles—they're not only the Greatest, they're the Fabbest and the Gearest! —Lois De Silva, Bay Village, Ohio.

Dear Lois: I'm not trying but the Columbia Pictures bosses are: They want Ringo Starr to solo in the part of Jim Kirkwood Jr. in "There Must Be a Pony."

Hey, Mike: Is it true what I hear about Annette Funicello, Tommy Kirk, Candy Johnson, Jody McCrea and all the other young swingers in "Pajama Party" being sore because the producers brought in two scene-stealing veterans—to wit, Dorothy Lamour and Buster Keaton? —Jim Rochon, North Hollywood.

Dear Jim: Positively NO. On the contrary. The kids are studying Buster's technique and they love Doty—as witness what Jody said to her after they finished dancing a frantic watusi in one scene: "Hey, baby, you're no square, you've got round edges!"

Dear Mr. C.: Are Anne and Paul Anka expecting a baby? —Mary Lou Prentice, Medaryville, Ind.

Dear Mary Lou: I heard that too, and a practically unimpeachable source says it's true that they're keeping a tiny secret.

Dear Mike: Is Perry Como really all that relaxed and cool—I mean REALLY for real? —Jerry Levy, Rockford, Ill.

Dear Jerry: I know a nervous songstress who recently grabbed hold of Perry, just before a telecast, and gasped, "I'm scared stiff but you don't seem shook up in the slightest so tell me how come?" Perry replied, "Why sweat, sweetie, when we won't be on the air for five minutes?"

Dear Sir: Whatever happened to Victor Mature? What is he doing now and how does his future look? —Mark S. Dacoyanis, Lexington, Mass.

Dear Mark: He recently agreed to do a movie in Spain called "Finger on the Trigger" but backed out at the last minute so Rory Calhoun did it instead. I don't know why he reneged but I have an idea: he's so rich, thanks to the smart investments he made while under contract to 20th-Fox, that he just doesn't care to leave the easy life he's living in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Dear Mike: I read what you said about Lady Bird Johnson doing a TV show with Dinah Shore. But did you know that her daughters Luci and Lynda are supposed to do one too—Elinor Havens, Sharon, Conn.

Dear Elinor: It isn't definite yet but is on the front burner at CBS-TV as a December special—IF President Johnson is re-elected.

Dear Sir: Did Alan Ladd finish his part in "The Carpetbaggers" before he died or did an "understudy" take over? —E. D., The Bronx, N.Y.

Dear E. D.: He finished it.

Dear Seer: I read about Sammy Davis' salary for starring in "Golden Boy" on Broadway as being a 50-per cent ownership of the profits on the show. True or false, and how rich can that boy get! —Mrs. Ambrose Horn, Durham, N.C.

Dear Mrs. Horn: He'll get rich but not that rich. In addition to his salary, he owns a 15 per cent piece of the profits.

Dear Mr. Connolly: Do you know (or could you find out) what brand of cigarettes Ringo Starr smokes? —A Starr Maniac, Eureka, Calif.

Dear Maniac: He says they're cubels but it doesn't sound right to me as though he has catarrh, does it to you?

Dear Mike: Why do so many movie stars get divorced on Friday? —Charles DeMetropoulos, East Chicago Heights, Ill.

Dear Charles: They think newspaper readers don't read the Saturday editions as much as the other papers of the week.



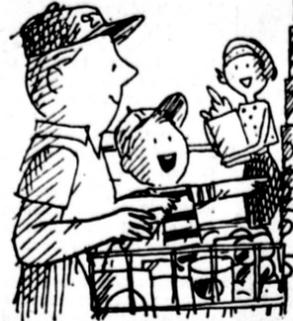
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